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Comment Of The Day

RENT CONTROL STILL NEEDED

AN equitable solution to the rent question must aim at putting every tenant—and every landlord—on the same footing. The distinction between pre-war and post-war buildings, insofar as they affect the rental paid, must be eliminated. It is unfair that pre-war landlords should be restricted just as it is unfair that post-war tenants should pay exorbitantly for inferior accommodation.

A new Landlord and Tenant ordinance therefore cannot avoid the principle of control. In fact, Government's entry into the field of low-rental accommodation in the last seven years—to such an extent that it must be the biggest landlord in the Colony today—and the fixed rents it applies should be the model for the rest to follow. A new ordinance must control for an indefinite number of years "premises" for which low rentals are paid.

THE first step should be to decide where to draw the line between controlled and uncontrolled rents. Size of the premises would be the best criterion. Control could be enforced on all family living areas—irrespective of whether they are flats, one or two rooms, cocklofts, cubicles or bedspaces—below the size of, say, the biggest apartment found in a Housing Authority estate. Rents could be based on the charges made by Government and where they fall below Government's minimum standards special rates could be fixed.

It is important to stress that this is the rent which the landlord should be able to expect from his principal tenant in respect of all sub-tenants. It will thus control the rent that the principal tenant can charge and at the same time ensure the landlord of getting his fair share. The rent paid by the principal tenant could then be negotiated with the landlord. At the same time Fair-Rent Courts must be established to safeguard the sub-tenant from arbitrary eviction and to arbitrate when landlord and principal tenant are unable to agree on rentals. In the case of high standard pre-war accommodation exceeding a certain size controls should be progressively lifted, new rents if necessary being referred to a Fair-Rent Court.

THE Fair-Rent Courts should be empowered to assess rents of post-war buildings as well, with the authority to backdate them if necessary to when the new ordinance becomes law. Clearly this provision would be used only against extortionate landlords—but it will make many think hard before charging exorbitant rents.

Business premises come into another category. Controls will continue to be necessary in some cases, but there is much to be said for Mr. Barton's plea that in Central Victoria and possibly also Tsimshatsui, they should be progressively eliminated. Need, less to say Mr. R. C. Lee's plea to do away with legal processes, wherever possible, deserves support.

WE come now to post-war buildings much dissatisfaction has been caused by the standard of several newly erected apartments. Could this be remedied by strengthening the Tenancy Tribunal to include a PWD building official or architect with powers to insist on higher standards of planning wherever necessary?

At the Tenancy Tribunal the one person not represented is the future tenant. That is why a Government official is needed to protect his interests. Why these higher standards are not insisted upon before plans are submitted to a Tribunal is hard to understand. Mr. J. F. Cargan, Tenancy Tribunal President, properly protested recently that it was unfair that a Tribunal consisting of a magistrate and two laymen should be expected to determine questions of town planning. Here is one weakness Government must remedy.

New 'Economy' rates to apply to Far East
BIG AIR FARE CUTS FOR HK

Coach class services to be introduced

New very low fare Coach class air services between Britain and many British territories overseas including Hongkong and Singapore are to be introduced by British Overseas Airways Corporation in October.

Heiress to marry?



Dillon, Apr. 6.
Heiress Gamble Benedict and her Rumanian-born lover, Andre Porumbescu, reportedly obtained a marriage licence here yesterday and are to be married today.

Newspaper correspondent John Moody said the two obtained a licence here and were definitely identified. He had no further details.

Miss Benedict and Porumbescu vanished from New York earlier yesterday and a magistrate issued a warrant for her arrest on a wayward minor charge.

She already was a ward of the court, as a result of her sudden trip to Paris with Porumbescu last Christmas—AP.

Governor's progress
The Governor, Sir Robert Black, continues to make satisfactory progress following his operation for spinal fusion yesterday.

This was disclosed in a bulletin issued today by the Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. D. J. M. Mackenzie.

PRIVATE AIRLINES IN NEW SCHEME

(By OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT)

Under the new arrangement, Britain's small private air companies and the nationalised corporations have agreed to fly together on Commonwealth air routes. But it has not yet been disclosed how the independent airlines will work in the new arrangement. These new Commonwealth routes could eventually affect the services of other nations.

There will also be cheap rate student fares to and from many of these places and low fare inclusive tours.

This is announced by Bone today following the statement by the Minister of Aviation, Mr. Duncan Sandys, that he had authorised the Corporation to operate these services in addition to Bone's existing flights.

The new type of service, which will be available for single and return journeys, will operate between Britain and Hongkong, Singapore, East Africa, Aden, the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, the Federation of West Indies, Bermuda and Nassau.

To all these destinations fares will be offered considerably lower than those recently announced for many international air services.

On this new limited frequency Coach Class service to Hongkong and Singapore the fares will be 25 per cent lower than the present tourist fares.

Jet service

Both points will be served by Conch Class jet-prop Britannias operating to the same technical and operational standards as the Corporation's other services with high-speed schedules.

The new low fares will not include meals but soft drinks and hot beverages will be served free of charge in flight and light packaged meals will be on sale in the aircraft. Passengers will be entitled to a free baggage allowance of 33 lbs.

These coach services will be available only to residents of the UK or British cabotage areas overseas and only for journeys entirely between these territories.

Bone also announces that from 1st October the present Tourist Class fares to Hongkong and Singapore will be cut by 10 per cent. In line with the recent raising of fares by all major airlines for international services, this class will then be called "Economy" but present tourist class catering standards will remain unchanged.

In addition, new cheap rate student fares will be introduced between Britain and Hongkong and Singapore from December 1 to April 30 each year. These will be available on economy class services. Students up to the age of 26 will be able to make round trips to or from Britain for the single economy class fare which represents a rebate of 44 per cent on the return fare.

To encourage tourism from Britain to Singapore and Hongkong, Bone plans to offer new inclusive tours to these areas offering substantial advantages for tourist holiday travel. Here is a table showing the new and old fare:

Class	Present	Return	
		Present	New
Coach	—	\$2,768	\$4,032.40
Economy (Tourist)	\$3,696	\$6,632.80	\$5,990.40
First	\$5,370	\$9,676.80	\$10,252.80

A SMOKE FOR MARGARET



Princess Margaret smokes a cigarette through a long cigarette-holder as she sits in the Cambridge launch "Amariylla" on the Thames at Putney, London, last Saturday, before the start of the annual Oxford-Cambridge boat race. With her is her fiancé, Mr. Antony Armstrong-Jones (left), a former Cambridge Blue. Oxford won the boat race by a length and a quarter.—AP Photo.

5-year-old girl derails freight cars

New York, Apr. 5.
A five-year-old girl opened a track switch and later two cars of a 22-car New York Central freight were derailed, railroad police reported today. No one was injured. Fortunately, the two cars, one loaded with lumber and the other feed, did not turn over.

The freight cars were being hauled on an industrial line near a factory. Operations were snarled for three hours. Police said no action will be taken against the girl, because of her age.—AP.

Accused of plot to murder judge

Ann Arbor, Apr. 5.
An American industrialist was arraigned Tuesday on an accusation of plotting to murder a judge who granted his first wife a divorce and twice sent him to jail for failing to pay alimony.

Charles Baird, aged 51, is alleged by State Police to have paid Kenneth Stratton, now in prison, "a very large sum of money" in a plot to have Judge James R. Breakey Jr. assassinated.—AP.

Cheering Londoners call for De Gaulle

London, Apr. 5.
As fireworks lit up the London sky, the Queen welcomed the visiting French President, General De Gaulle and Madame De Gaulle at a glittering Palace banquet given in their honour.

Two enormous Lorrains crosses lit up the London sky and the largest crowd since the coronation of the Queen gathered in front of Buckingham Palace shouting "We want the Queen" and "We want De Gaulle."

The Queen and the President, accompanied by Prince Philip and Madame De Gaulle, finally appeared on an illuminated Palace balcony and greeted the cheering Londoners.

CLOSER UNITY

In her welcoming speech at the banquet, the Queen stressed the need for closer unity between the two countries and the hopes and achievements that both would share.

President De Gaulle in his reply revived memories of the war years and pointed out that the Royal Family and the spirit of the British people did much to encourage the French to fight on.

The Queen had earlier in her speech referred to President De Gaulle as "the incarnation of that France whose spirit is indomitable and whose soul will never die."

The Queen said: "By working together with full mutual confidence, France and this kingdom can give new strength to Europe."

The Queen said: "Geography in the past has made this country rather aloof from the mainland of Europe. Although we are part of Europe, we have perhaps regarded the channel which separates us from the Continent as 'a most defensive to a house'."

TIMES CHANGED

"But times have changed. That moat is no longer so effective a physical barrier. We must still, however, beware that it is not a psychological obstacle to real understanding between Britain and France, between Britain and the other countries of Western Europe."

"The need for unity is great. The time is ripe, and if there is the will, as I believe there is, we can achieve much."

The Queen added: "And I do not think of Europe alone. We are both joined to Canada and the United States by ties of history, culture and language, as well as of sentiment. Therefore, in strengthening our unity, we strengthen also

the links between Europe and America."

The Queen then toasted the "greatness and happiness of France and of the community." She said: "May the French and British people always remain united in affectionate understanding." The Queen repeated her toast in French.

President De Gaulle replied in French to the Queen's welcome, speaking to 174 guests sitting round a great table in the Palace's white and gold state ballroom.

It was a splendid and regal occasion: the lights of six massive crystal chandeliers shone on priceless gold plate, glittered on the diamonds and jewels of the guests, and illuminated priceless tapestries.

Replying, President De Gaulle pledged Britain and France

work "side by side" to deal with "the arduous problems that confront the universe." He expressed the joy of himself and his wife at their welcome by Britain and then went on to speak movingly of his wartime association with Britain as leader of the Free French.

Without the struggle put up by Britain, he asked "what would have happened to our homeland, in particular, to mine, but that they would have been condemned to shame and slavery?"

Throughout the drama, he continued, the "most precious encouragement which I and my companions received" was from the late King George VI and from the Royal Family.

President De Gaulle added: "Where else, madam, better than in your presence, could I bear witness to my gratitude?" —Reuter.

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'REIGN OF TERROR' IN CAPETOWN

UK papers report 'beastly' whipping of Africans

London, Apr. 5. Most British newspapers today gave prominence to dramatic reports of police whipping Africans in the streets of Capetown.

The reports, many on the front page, told of the amazement and horror of white bystanders who allegedly saw Africans beaten indiscriminately with truncheons and "spanners."

White South Africans had flooded newspaper switchboards with protest about the police action and complaints about the severity of the beatings.

The Daily Sketch (independent right-wing) quoted a white woman as saying: "I have put cotton wool in my ears."

They also reported that police fired on Africans at Nyanga township near Capetown, and that three Africans were believed dead and seven wounded.

Mrs Margaret Ballinger, who represents Africans in the House of Assembly, was quoted as saying:

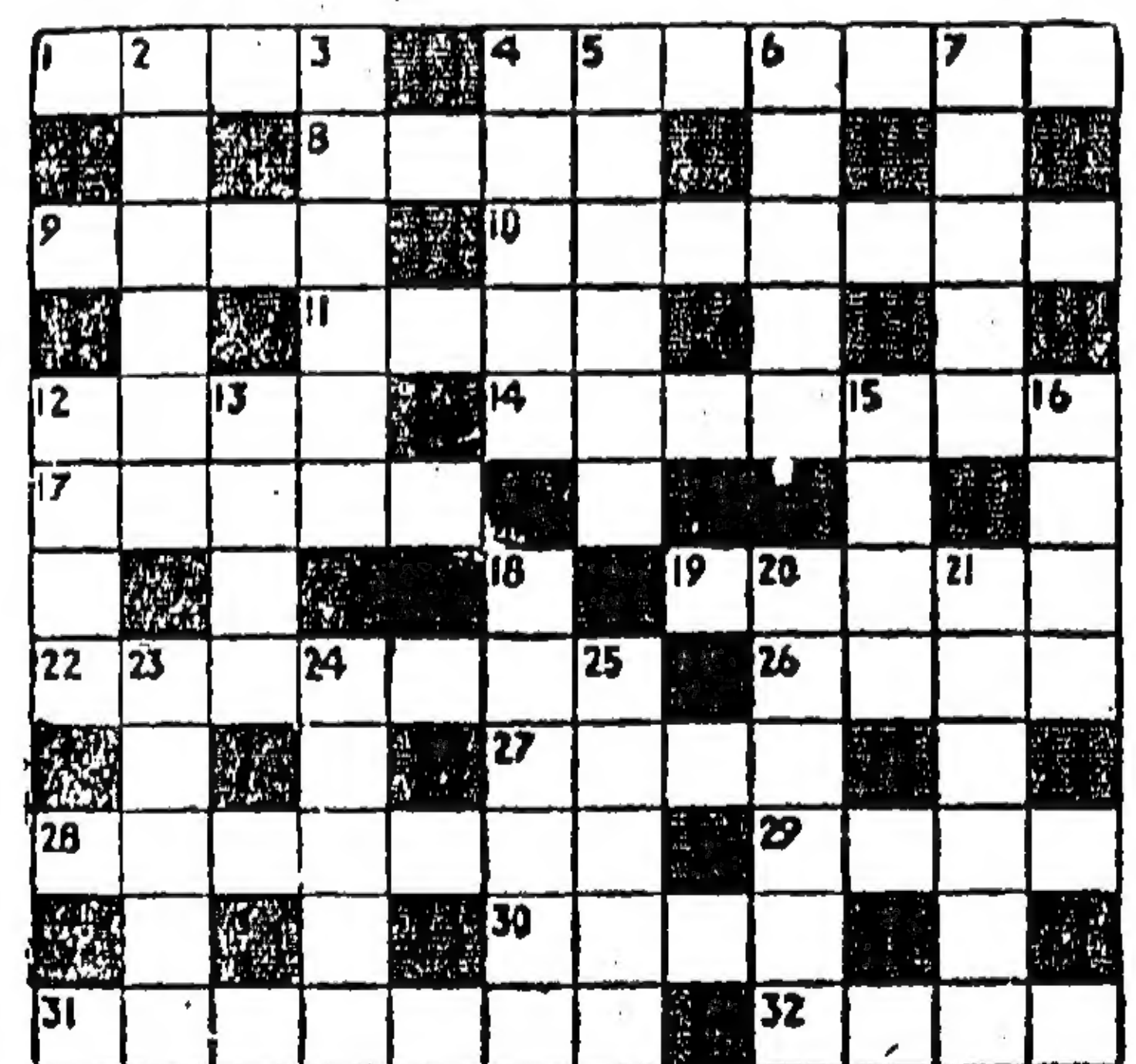
Ex-minister sentenced for treason

Karachi, Apr. 5. A special military court today sentenced Khwaja Muzafarul Haq, former minister in the West Pakistan Provincial Government, to ten years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of 60,000 rupees (about £4,500) for high treason.

Three others were sentenced with him. Muhammad Hashim Gassari, former deputy speaker of the First Constituent Assembly, was sentenced to five years' hard labour. Ismail Durhani, former West Pakistan deputy minister, and Aslam Mowad, a Shell oil company executive, were each given eight years' hard labour.

With two others who were acquitted, the four were arrested last September and sent for trial under martial law regulations. The trial was held in camera and details of the charges were announced.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Blackleg. (4)
- 4 Vegetable of equal value to cut. (7)
- 8 Where to find Paddy in Kettering? (4)
- 9 Melodious and to many a flower. (4)
- 10 Blow up! (7)
- 11 The National? (4)
- 12 Eye tumour. (4)
- 14 Has some hope. (7)
- 17 What one is supposed to do at school. (5)
- 19 Scratch up twenty runs? (5)
- 22 How perfectly rotten—boring for the audience. (3, 4)
- 26 Famous garden-er! (4)
- 27 Sewing meeting, go to speak! (4)
- 28 GC Island capital. (7)
- 29 He comes from America. (4)
- 30 Dash out of the lane. (4)
- 31 Not perceived on sound. (7)
- 32 When he loses his head he's away, smart fellow! (4)

DOWN

- 2 Clerical assistant. (6)
- 3 One who presents a cheque carries weight. (6)
- 4 Quiet bit, by the sound of it. (5)
- 5 Put a girl on the river but not in the main building. (6)
- 6 Don't kill the lean. (5)
- 7 Money making bar. (5)
- 17 Piece of cake? (4)
- 18 It has three feet but no toes! (4)
- 19 Clumsy person. (4)
- 16 Weapon. (4)
- 20 Placed for dispatch? (6)
- 21 Join together. (6)
- 21 Outstanding replacement for the watch. (6)
- 23 A principal—all out. (5)
- 24 Edible national. (5)
- 25 Open country. (6)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Obolus, 5 In-let, 8 Menn-l, 9 Cut out, 10 Vnull, 11 Turner, 12 Line, 13 Let's, 16 Punish, 18 So-used, 20 Titus, 22 Grill, 23 Sluts, 26 Bantus, 28 Laguna, 29 Elder, 28 Rondo, 29 Sachet. Down: 1 Obscure, 2 Optimist, 3 Smit, 4 Tetanus, 6 Invalid, 8 Stares, 7 Eole, 14 Thorough, 18 Subtraher, 10 Puslule, 17 Needles, 19 Ousted, 21 Image, 24 Sara.

Albanians kill Greek soldier

Moscow, Apr. 5. Albanian border troops yesterday shot dead one of a group of Greek soldiers who violated the Greek-Albanian frontier.

This was reported by Tass today, quoting the Albanian news agency Ata.

TELEGRAM

Tass said that the Albanian Foreign Minister, Mr. Behar Shylla, sent a telegram yesterday to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, informing him that during the morning of April 4 a group of Greek soldiers crossed the Albanian state frontier in the Kapshtice area, penetrated about 550 yards into Albanian territory and opened fire on Albanian guards. The Albanian patrol had to return the fire and in the ensuing exchange shot dead one of the Greek soldiers, whose body was found on Albanian territory about 100 yards from the frontier, Tass said.

The telegram said that the Albanian government protested "unofficially" against what it described as a "premeditated violation" of Albania's territorial integrity and demanded that the Greek government halt such "outrageous and dangerous actions."—Reuter.

Near riot by prisoners

Bangkok, Apr. 5. Two hundred police and 20 dogs quelled a near riot at Lard Yoo prison here, the Bangkok World reported today.

The report said a gang of prisoners smashed plumbing, attacked a group of male nurses and tried to free other prisoners before the police arrived. No one was reported injured.

The prisoners were herded back into cells. They had been demanding quicker medical services and better visitors privileges.—AP.

London-Moscow through train service

London, Apr. 5. A new through train service between London and Moscow will come into operation with the introduction of British Railways Continental summer timetables on May 29, British Railways announced tonight.

There will be four through services in each direction every week.

The first-class return fare, including sleeper accommodation but excluding meals, will be approximately £70.

The route is via the Hook of Holland, Osnabrück, Hanover, Berlin, Frankfurt-on-Oder, Brest-Litovsk, Minsk and Smolensk.—Reuter.

Co-pilot killed in airliner crash in Nicaragua

Managua, Apr. 5. The co-pilot of a Nicaraguan Airlines passenger plane was killed in a crash landing on a mountainside near Siuna, in Central Nicaragua, Lanica airline officials reported today.

An earlier report said three infant passengers aboard the plane were also killed but officials said later this proved false. One of the infants was reported in a critical condition, however.

The airline said three Americans were among the 18 passengers who survived the accident. They were identified as Marcus Valdez, Philip Cardozo and William Pater. The airline did not give their home addresses.

Lanica officials said five people were seriously injured in the crash landing but did not identify them. The twin-engined C-46 plane carried 18 passengers and a crew of 4.

The crash occurred when an engine failed shortly after take-off from the airport at Siuna, a mining centre 150 miles north of Managua.

American and Canadian mining companies operate in the area.—AP.



World-famous medical missionary Albert Schweizer has lost the handsome British surgeon he had hoped would succeed him in his work at the Lambarene leper colony—the charms of Mexican Adriana Ella, 26-year-old grand-daughter of the late President General Plutarco Calles. The surgeon is 34-year-old Frank Catchpool of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, now working in California. He and Adriana, pictured here together, plan to marry in May in Beverley Hills.—Express Photo.

Chinese-speaking U.S. diplomat under fire

Washington, Apr. 5. The State Department has come under fire for assigning a Chinese-speaking American diplomat to London.

Chairman of the Appropriations sub-committee, Mr. John Rooney, made the criticism when the committee found that only about half the graduates of the Department's Language Institute were sent to posts using the language in which they had been trained.

The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Personnel, Mr. Aaron S. Brown, who appeared before the committee said the Foreign Service Officer who had received an "A" grade for Chinese would have opportunities to speak Chinese in London—though, he admitted, not as many as he would have in Hongkong.

Mr. Rooney asked if he would spend his time in London's Chinese quarter.

Mr. Brown: No sir. There will be opportunities in dealing with officers in the British Foreign Office who are concerned with Far Eastern affairs.

Mr. Rooney: So instead of speaking in English to one another, they will sit in the London office and talk Chinese?

Mr. Brown: Yes sir.

NOT FANTASTIC

Mr. Rooney: Is that not fantastic?

Mr. Brown: No, sir. They are anxious to keep up their practice.

Mr. Rooney: Are they playing games or is this serious business?

Another Chessman appeal denied

San Francisco, Apr. 5. Cyril Chessman today lost an attempt to evade his ninth execution date in 12 years, this one scheduled for May 2.

The California District Court of Appeal denied without comment a request by Chessman's attorney for a writ of habeas corpus and a stay of execution.—UPI.

One government official has described the flouting of authority and rebellious attitude of pupils as "utterly stupid and pointless."

At the Hodgson Technical Training College, which closed down last week, students claimed that there was no prospect of employment after they had finished their courses. Education authorities have denied this and said that no ex-student from the college had had any difficulty in finding employment.

The Northern Rhodesian United National Independence Party has sent a letter to the Governor of the territory, Sir Evelyn Hone, asking him to close all African schools and then institute an investigation into policies currently governing them.

So far five senior African schools have been closed.—AP.

Trouble-making in North Rhodesian schools deplored

Kitwe, Rhodesia, Apr. 5. Northern Rhodesia's educationalists and politicians are baffled, angered and disheartened by the wave of politically inspired trouble-making which has swept through the territory's principal African schools and colleges during the past month.

Mrs Onassis agrees to separation

New York, Apr. 5. Mrs. Tina Onassis withdrew her divorce suit today and announced she had agreed to a legal separation from Greek shipping multimillionaire Aristotle S. Onassis.

Mrs. Onassis' counsel said the 25-year-old daughter of an equally wealthy Greek shipping man had "neither asked nor received any alimony nor, in fact, even her counsel fees. She neither demanded nor secured any of the wealth of possessions of Mr. Onassis."

The parties have not reconciled, nor is there any such prospect in contemplation, his counsel Sol A. Rosenblatt said.—UPI.

Commuted to life term

Edinburgh, Apr. 5. Alexander Maun Stirling, 24, condemned to hang here next Tuesday for a double murder, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, the Scottish Home Department announced today.

Stirling pleaded guilty to the murder of a 65-year-old retired cobbler and his 23-year-old daughter, but later appealed, unsuccessfully against conviction.

Murders of more than one person still carry the death penalty in Edinburgh.—Reuter.

BRITISH DELEGATE ASSAILS SOVIET DISARMAMENT PLAN

Geneva, Apr. 5. Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's grandiose plan for world disarmament in four years would not achieve disarmament even in 40 years, the West charged today.

A minor shock for gourmets

Paris, Apr. 5. Gourmets in France and abroad received a minor shock today when the world-famous Michelin guidebook "Franco," the bible of the hungry traveller, gave its coveted three-star rating to only ten restaurants instead of the usual eleven.

To gastronomic experts this was equivalent to a fall from grace by an archangel.

The fat red 1960 edition of the guide which sells 300,000 copies annually—making it France's all time best seller—gives the usual three-star accolade for the best restaurants in France and thus perhaps in the world to the following ten traditional establishments:

Maxims, the Tour d'Argent, Laperouse and the Grand Vefour, in Paris; the Poste in Avallon; the Cote d'Or in Sauleau; the Pere Bise in Talloire; the Pyramide in Vienne; the Maumaniere in Les Baux; and La Petite Auberge at Naves, near Avignon.

But Mother Braziers Restaurant at the Cold De La Lucie, near Lyons, has lost a star this year and rates only two stars now.—AP.

Austria bans swastika

Vienna, Apr. 5. The Upper House of the Austrian Parliament today implicitly authorised Austrians to wear German decorations won during the Second World War provided the swastika was not marked on them.

A unanimous vote without debate approved a new law which specified that only the wearing of insignia of illegal organisations was forbidden. This would rule out the swastika and S.S. insignia.

A similar solution has been adopted in West Germany where for example three oak leaves have replaced the swastika on iron crosses that were awarded.—AP.

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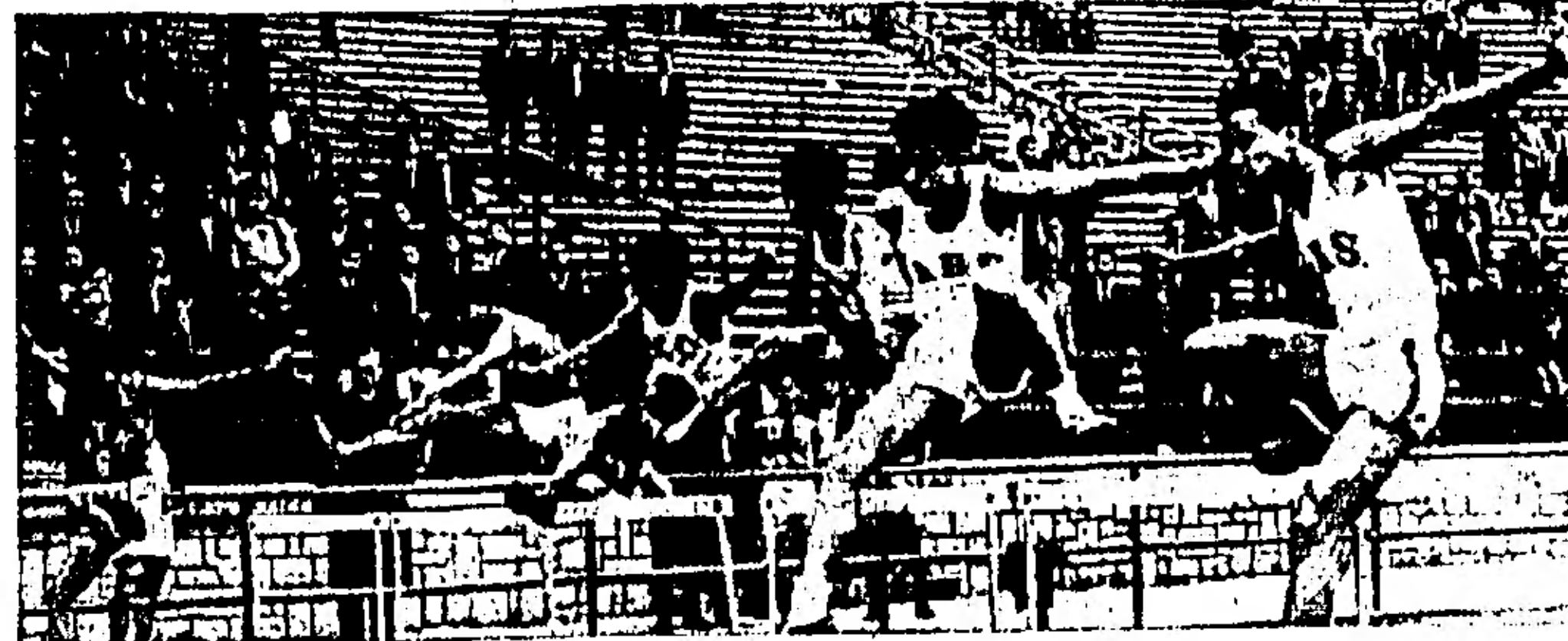
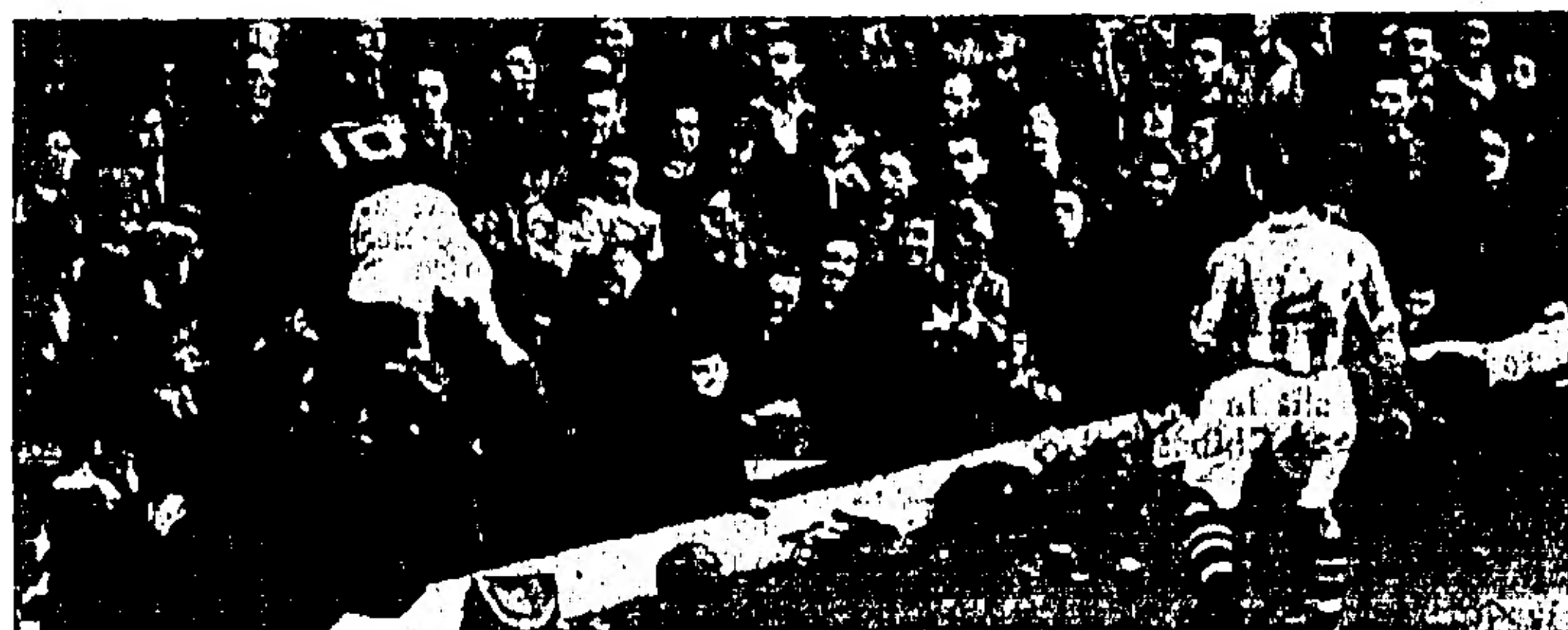
SPORTS PICTORIAL



LEFT: Kitchee won this year's Senior Shield knockout competition last Sunday when they beat Tung Wah by 5-3 in the final. Photo shows the victorious Kitchee team with their team and club officials.

ABOVE: Mrs. W. S. T. Louey, wife of the President of the HKFA presenting the shield to Kitchee captain Ko Po-keung.

BELOW: The "B" Grade 110 yards medium hurdles in progress at the Inter-school sports at the Hongkong Stadium last Friday. The winner was Yeung Kim-mo of Wah Yan College, Kowloon (extreme left).—China Mail photos.



ABOVE LEFT: Once this was a sports picture of the year—now it has been chosen as one of 10 British sports pictures to be exhibited at the Rome Games this year. And that means a commemorative medal to Daily Express photographer Ronald Gerrell who took it. The match was at Fratton Park, Portsmouth in April 1954, and the player in flight is home inside-left Mike Bernard. — London Express photo.

LEFT: Glasgow Rangers were one goal down in the sixth minute of their European Cup match against Sparta Rotterdam last week but rallied back to win by 3-2. Photo shows right-half Verhoeven (finishing his spectacular leap) scoring the Dutch team's first goal.



Four D. Jones

BY MADDOCKS



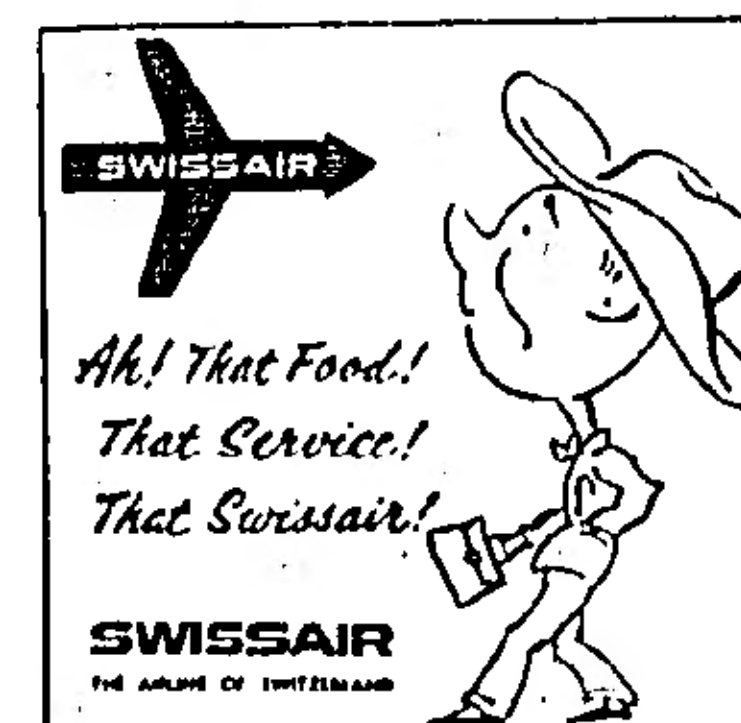
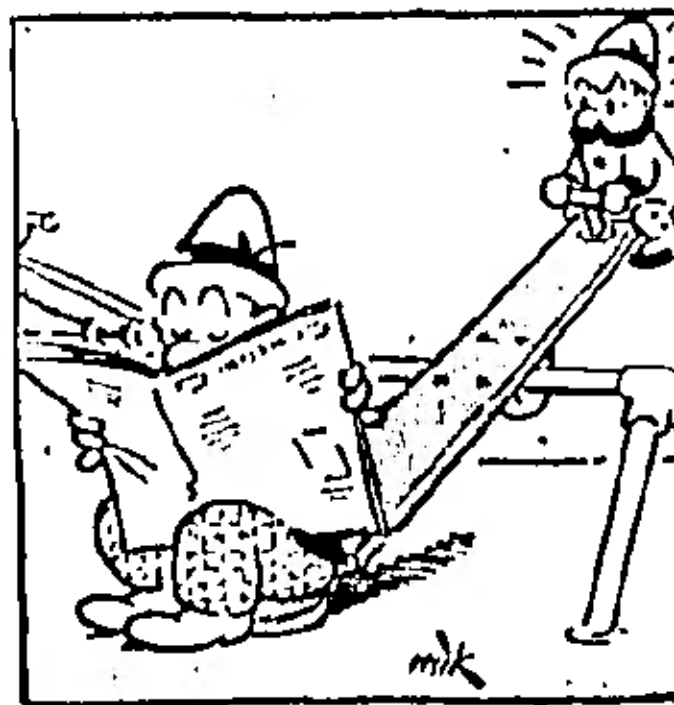
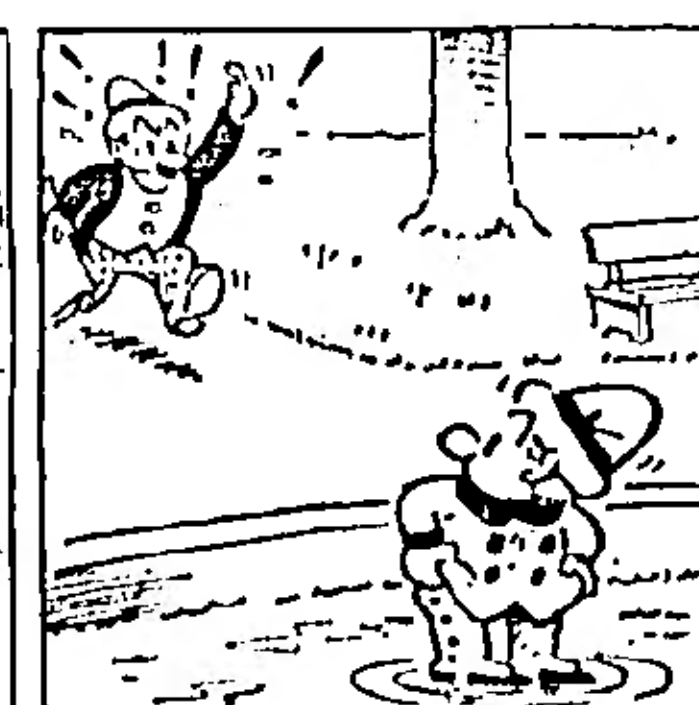
In action here is 24-year-old Judy Devlin of the U.S., who maintained her reputation as the world's No. 1 woman badminton player recently by winning both the all-England and U.S. ladies' singles title. Her victim in the final on both occasions was Margaret Varner, who toured Hongkong a couple of years ago.



Another sportswoman who came back into the headlines last week was Christine Trueman, the British tennis star. Christine on Saturday won her first title of the current year at the Surrey Hard Court Championships when she defeated Shirley Brasher 6-4, 6-3 in the ladies' singles final. Photo shows Christine in action.

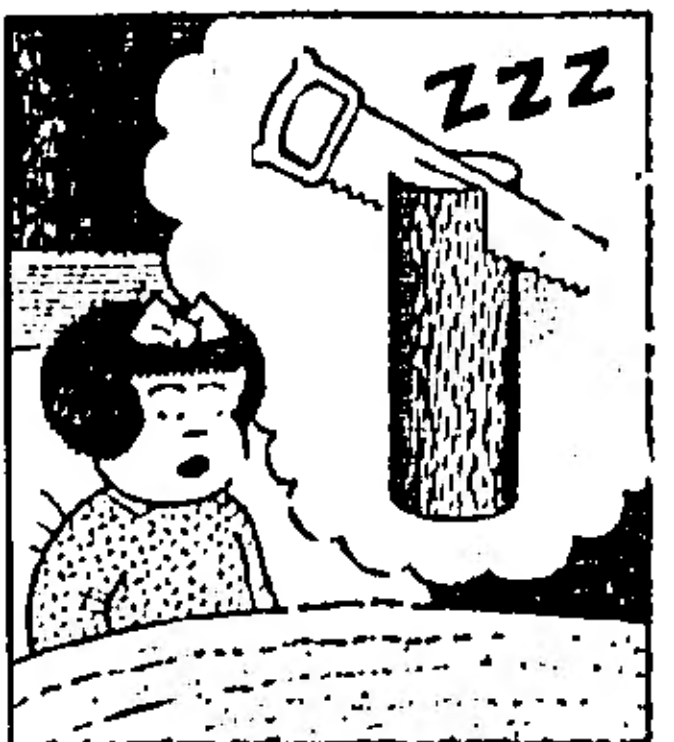
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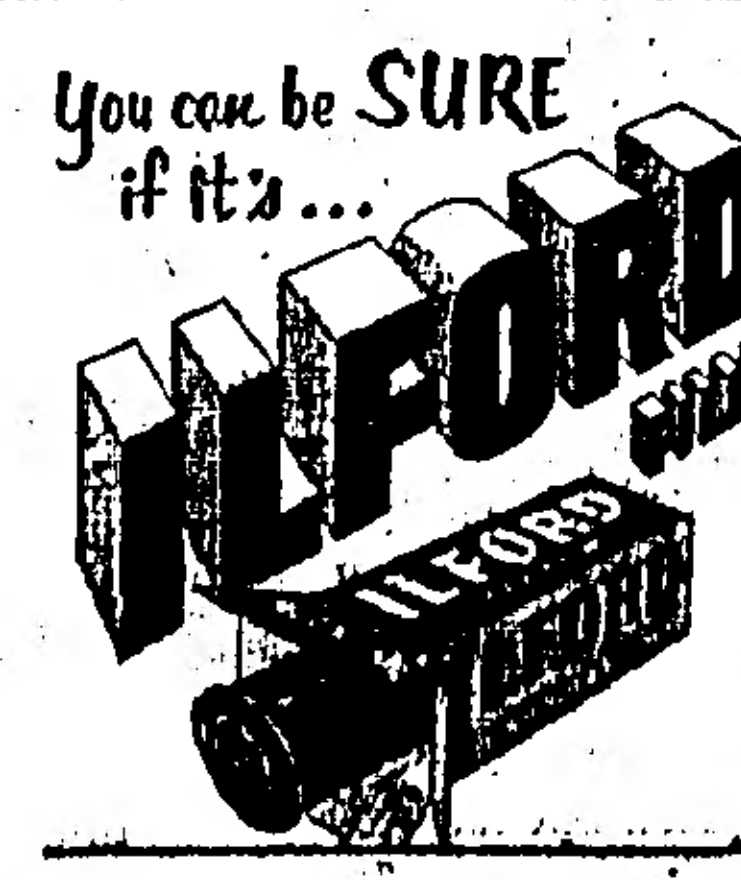
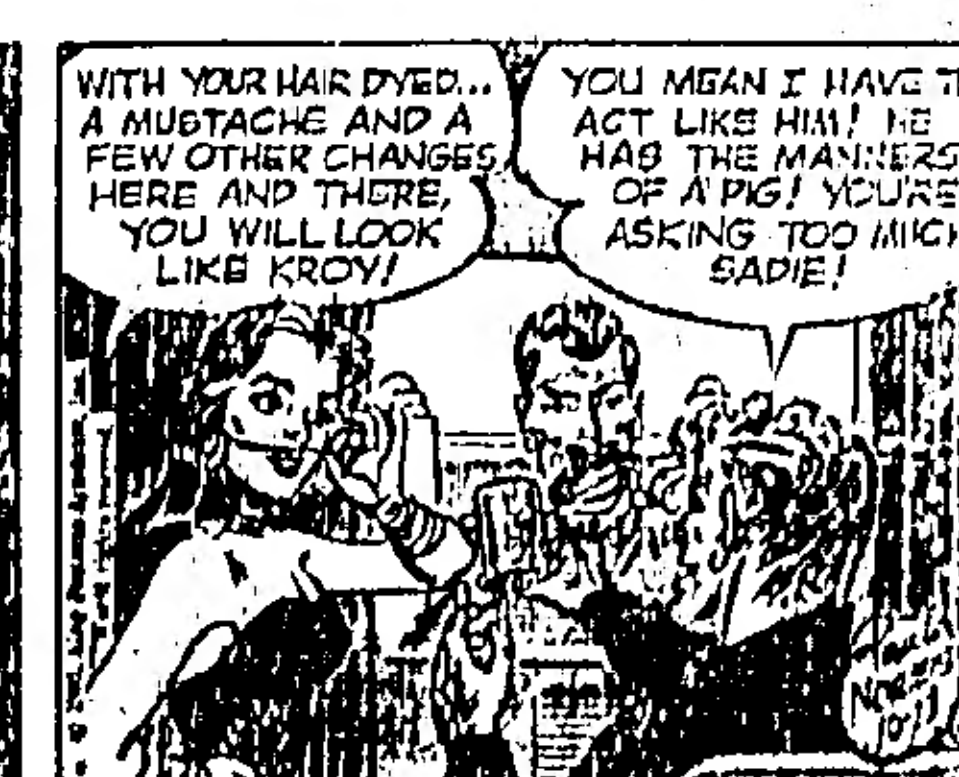
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1960.

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PING CHAU 'BODY-IN-THE-STOVE' CASE DEATH SENTENCE APPEAL DISMISSED

The Full Court of Appeals this morning dismissed an appeal against the death sentence by Lam Man-hung, 31, convicted in the Ping Chau "body-in-the-stove" case.

Lam was sentenced by Mr Justice K. R. Meeke on March 1, after a jury had found him guilty of the murder of his mother-in-law, Wong Tai-mui, at his cooked food shop on Ping Chau island on November 6, 1959.

Wounding charge: man sent for trial

Lin Ting-kai, 32, shop fook, of 100 Canton Road, first floor, was committed for trial at the next Criminal Session by Mr A. J. Sanguinetti at Central this morning.

Police alleged that Lin wounded Koo Siang-ien with a chopper at 82 Canton Road, ground floor on April 23 last year.

In mental hospital

Dr Chung Cho-man, Medical Officer at the Mental Hospital, who testified this morning, said Lin was admitted to the Mental Hospital on April 23 last year and was certified to be insane on April 29.

Dr Chung said Lin was mentally ill for at least three months before admission. After treatment, he began to show signs of improvement.

Mr Sanguinetti asked Lin whether he would like to make an application for bail, but he said he preferred to be detained in jail custody.

Medicine shop man fined \$3,500

A medicine shop proprietor was fined \$3,500 with the alternative of three months' jail by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Court this morning.

He pleaded guilty to possession of Part I Poisons, penicillin substances, and dangerous drugs. The man was Cheung Bing, 48, of 131 Johnston Road, ground floor.

A total of 36 counts of possession of Part I Poisons and penicillin substances were taken into consideration. Detective Sub-Inspector A. T. Shelley of the Criminal Investigation Department, Police Headquarters, said a large quantity of Part I Poisons, penicillin substances and other dangerous drugs were found in a cabinet on the cockloft.

Defendant admitted the possession of the drugs adding that he bought it from brokers and used it for sale to the public.

"This means members of the public can obtain these dangerous drugs without doctors' prescriptions and it is dangerous," Inspector Shelley added.

Approximately \$8,000 worth of drugs seized were ordered to be confiscated.

Defendant had one previous conviction for possession of penicillin substances in 1957 when he was fined \$300.

The dead woman was found jammed under a stove in the shop by a police penetration patrol two days after she had been hacked to death with a chopper.

Mr Charles Ching, for the appellant, said today that he was asking the court to reverse one or two findings of fact in respect to a statement alleged to have been voluntarily given by accused.

No questions

Mr Ching said that under cross-examination the corporal who had taken down the statement claimed he had asked no questions of the accused and that the accused had agreed that no questions were asked.

"The accused has said that he did not say anything to the corporal, but that the corporal had sat down and written in his notebook for almost one and a half hours and then asked him to sign it."

Mr Ching said that this statement had been concocted from a talk with the accused on the previous night and therefore the statement had been elicited by the corporal.

"The corporal said to the accused after he found the body on the morning of the eighth 'what do you have to say?' instead of the usual caution of 'have you anything to say?' and then did not arrest him until one and a half hours later," he said.

No grounds

The court ruled that there were no grounds before it in which it could reverse findings of fact and dismissed the appeal. The appeal, which consisted of the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice J. R. Grogan, the Acting Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Rees, and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr, also dismissed the other appeals against sentences and one appeal against conviction.

Prominent American scientists in Colony

Two prominent United States scientists arrived this morning by air from Japan for a three-day visit to the Colony under the auspices of the Asia Foundation and the American National Academy of Science.

They are Professor Farrington Daniels, Vice-President of the National Academy of Science and an authority on solar energy, and Professor Ralph E. Cleland, Professor of Botany, Indiana University, and Chairman of the Academy's Committee for Science in Unesco.

The two scientists were to arrive last night by air, but because of their delay, their scheduled visit to the University of Hong Kong and the United College was postponed.

This evening they will speak to the Hong Kong Teachers' Association at the Association's premises in Tsimshatsui. Professor Daniels on "Using the sun's energy," and Professor Cleland on "An example of how science can be organized."

Sudden warm change predicted

Hongkong enjoyed fine and dry conditions once again today. But the Observatory predicts a sudden warm change tomorrow.

This morning's lowest readings were 61.3 degrees — slightly below the average April minimum.

At 11.30 a.m. the temperature was 68 degrees and rising steadily.

A depression over Japan which for the past two weeks has kept temperatures low has now moved.

A surprise for visiting Sydney beauty

Beautiful 18-year-old Hazel Halloran, Australia's "Miss Lovely Legs" got her first big shock since she arrived in Hongkong, today. "My goodness, look at the length of the slit in that cheongsam," she gasped as a young Chinese walked past her.

HER PRIZE

Miss Halloran won the contest for "the shapeliest legs in Sydney" which would look best in a cheongsam.

Her prize, valued at more than £600 included a luxury flight for her parents to and from Hongkong by Cathay Pacific Oriental jet.

She also receives free hotel accommodation and £40 spending money.

Miss Halloran went sight-seeing with her parents today wearing a beautiful cheongsam — "but this is the Sydney style."

"The slit of my cheongsam is only five inches," she said.

CAUSE A RIOT

"If I wore the local cheongsam in Sydney, I'd cause a riot," Hazel said with a smile.

While in Hongkong she hopes to buy a specially designed 'hope' chest.

"However, I have no plans for an early marriage. But it should come in handy for the future," she said.

Despite her admiration for the local cheongsams, Miss Halloran could not be tempted to buy one.

"Wearing anything like the local garment back home would get me in trouble with the police for stopping the traffic so until I return to Hongkong, I think I'll stick to the Sydney style."

Film censors blamed for lower revenue

Sir Tsun-nin Chau, Chairman of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company Ltd, this morning attributed the slightly decreased revenue from the King's Theatre during 1959 to the banning of two good box-office films.

MACAO NEWS

Macao, Apr. 6. The general public of Macao had the opportunity to appreciate a good musical performance through the Vila Verde broadcasting station last night.

The famed French cellist M. Bernard Michel gave a recital at the studios of Vila Verde after his second concert in Macao on Sunday. This concert sponsored by the Circulo do Cultura Musical was only for members of the circle.

The French virtuoso was ably accompanied by Italian pianist, Alfredo Rossi.

M. Andre Castel, the Cultural Attaché of the French Consulate-General in Hongkong paid a three day visit to this city.

His visit was partly connected with the establishment in the near future of a branch of the Alliance Francaise here for cultural exchanges. He returned to Hongkong today.—AFP.

Editor of the 125-year-old English-language Ceylon Observer and author of "Emergency '68" Mr Vittachi will stay a few days and will visit local newspapers before going home.

Replies to correspondents: Derrick Ward: Please give your residential address, not necessarily for publication but as a sign of good faith.

He said at the annual meeting held at the King's Theatre that these two films, one starring Brigitte Bardot and the other Gregory Peck, would undoubtedly have brought in more income if exhibited.

He spoke of the plans to develop the property with a modern theatre and shops.

An offer made by Messrs Li Shiu-chung and Li Che-pong of an annual rental of HK\$300,000 for a lease of the building was not accepted because of impending demolition.

Distribution

The total profit for distribution was given as \$444,475, and a dividend of 50 cents a share on paid-up capital, and a bonus of \$1.15 an ordinary share, were incorporated in the proposal to adopt the report and accounts put by the Chairman.

Mr Chang Kwal-chong and Mr George Y. K. Sun were re-elected directors. Messrs Peat, Marwick and Mitchell were re-elected as auditors.

Ceylon editor visiting Colony

The Asian representative of the International Press Institute, Mr A. G. P. Vittachi arrived by air yesterday after attending the IPI conference in Tokyo.

Editor of the 125-year-old English-language Ceylon Observer and author of "Emergency '68" Mr Vittachi will stay a few days and will visit local newspapers before going home.

Wrote one nought too many?

The hearing in which the head man of Chai Wan Village faces nine forgery and false pretences charges, was adjourned until Friday, at the Victoria District Court this morning, to give counsel time to prepare their final submissions.

Asking for the adjournment, Mr Shing Li, Crown Counsel, prosecuting, said the case had been a long and complicated one. It started on March 21.

The accused, Shing Kwal, 51, pleads not guilty to forging number of documents and titles of land assignments of lease and memorials relating to several Crown land lots in Chai Wan in 1948 and 1949.

A further indictment alleges he obtained \$3,400 from a Mr Fung Yau-yan by falsely pretending he had acquired a lease of property assigned to Fung in October, 1949.

Continuing his cross-examination of the accused this morning, Mr Li referred to a statement made by Shing to the police.

Counsel said Shing had said in his statement he had paid \$9,000 in a land transaction.

Accused said this should have been \$900; \$700 for the land and \$200 for a middleman. He had written down \$9,000 by mistake, because he had been upset, and "muddled" by the police.

Mr Li pointed out to him that when accused had written the statement he had used the formal Chinese character to represent "thousand," and had not used the abbreviated form, this he submitted, suggested accused had taken great care in writing the statement.

Shing is represented by Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan, of Messrs Lau, Chan and Ko. Hearing is before Judge B. J. Jennings.

Engaging seamen in HK questioned

London, Apr. 5. Mr Ernest Thornton (Labour) asked in the House of Commons today to what extent the Governor of Hongkong had exercised his powers of control over the system of engaging seamen under Part III and Section 114 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance 1953.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Iain Macleod, said in a written reply: The traditional method of recruiting through agents is favoured by the majority of both seamen and shipowners, and enforcement of the law is difficult because local custom cannot readily be changed.

Despite these difficulties however, the Hongkong Government is doing all it can to get the practice of recruitment of seamen extended.—Reuter.

Grass fires and accidents mar Ching Ming festival

Five grass fires and at least two traffic accidents, one fatal, marked the end of the Ching Ming Festival yesterday.

A 26-year-old man, Tseng Foon, was running across the road to a bus stop in Shatin, when he was knocked down and killed by a lorry at 4.25 p.m.

A pregnant woman, Ma Tak-mui, 27, was hurt while struggling to get on board a No. 11 bus at Wong Tai Sin at 1 p.m.

She and her husband had a quarrel with the bus gateman who refused to let them on. A fight ensued and the woman was kicked in the stomach. She was admitted to hospital.

Fires swept through many acres of hillside near Hing Wah Road, and Ming Tak School in Chai Wan, Nine-and-half Miles, Castle Peak Road; Sandy Ridge Cemetery; and Fu Shan Road in Diamond Hill.

The grass area, which broke out in the afternoon, were attributed to smouldering remnants of burned joss paper, or candles left behind by Ching Ming pilgrims.

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Jaycee Refugee Year Project—

1st RTR farewell parade at Sek Kong

The 1st Royal Tank Regiment, which is shortly leaving Hongkong, held a farewell parade at Sek Kong airstrip this morning.

Brigadier D. D. M. McCready, Commander 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade, took the salute as the Regiment's 30 Centurion tanks and 11 scout cars rumbled past the saluting dais.

The salute was to have been taken by the Commander British Forces but he was indisposed.

During the parade, Brigadier McCready presented the Meritorious Service Medal to 49-year-old Warrant Officer Class II Horace David John Rose.

Addressing the parade, Brigadier McCready said he was very proud of the Regiment's record in Hongkong.

He said though the Commander British Forces could not attend the parade, he hoped to be able to visit the Regiment at a later date to say goodbye to them personally.

Record

Squadron Sergeant Major Rose, who received the Meritorious Service Medal, joined the Army in 1932 at the age of 18. He enlisted in the Welsh Regiment and two years later moved with that Regiment to India where he remained until 1944. He then returned to the United Kingdom, and took part in the Normandy invasion with the rank of Staff Quartermaster Sergeant. In 1948 he was transferred to the 1st Royal Tank Regiment.

CRASH HELMET SAVES LIFE

Melbourne, Apr. 5. A crash helmet saved the life of a police motorcyclist whose head was run over by a heavy semi-trailer yesterday.

He is Constable Ernest Lunt, 28, of the mobile traffic squad.

Lunt escaped with a bruised back, abrasions and slight concussion. He was taken to the police hospital for observation.

Police said that he was escorting a wide load when his motor cycle skidded and the trailer wheel passed over his head.

Police said that crash helmets, made of fibre glass, had saved at least three lives since their introduction by police.—China Mail Special.